

Wahkiakum Community Network
Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday November 4, 2009 6:00 PM
River Street Meeting Room

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kassy Burdick at 6:00 PM at the River Street Meeting Room. In attendance were: Karen Fleming; Beth Hansen, Chris Holmes; Kassy Burdick; Jordyn Wirkkala; Nicole Tarabochia; Evelyn Clark; Shelby Felton, Lia Sealund (Director) Tammy Peterson (Public Relations Coordinator); and Carole Lewis. A quorum was not present.

Jordyn moved to approve the previous minutes; Shelby seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Training Summaries – Tammy shared information from the Leavenworth, WA, Community Mobilization conference. She attended pre-conference workshops for New Coordinator training and Evaluation training, each of which added to her repertoire for understand the Network. Tammy won the “Starfish” Award – for jumping in and swimming with the sharks – to jump in head first to learn her new position over the past year.

Celebrations – Tammy presented thank you’s to board members celebrating their anniversary’s with the Network: Linda Hartung & Judy Bright – 8 years, and Kassy Burdick – 6 years. We are grateful for your dedication! A thank you card was sent back to the Health & Human Services office for Linda and Judy, who were absent.

Allocations – Adult to Youth Mentoring Program – This motion was carried forward from October’s regular board meeting for continued discussion. At October’s regular board meeting, the motion did not pass unanimously as required due to lack of quorum. Lia presented to the board a history of the program and Wahkiakum Community Network’s involvement in creating and funding the program. She presented a list of programs that the Network has funded since 2004 and the strategy, number of people served, and the risk and protective factors the programs address. Lia presented clarification on direct services vs. mobilization and the importance of volunteer mobilization in the Network’s work plan. A summary of October’s board member concerns were that the grant proposal scored well but failed to pass due to the cost of the program vs. the number of youth and adults served. After receiving feedback from the Network, St. James redesigned the program and reduced the request for funding from \$9850 to \$6000 and did not include a request for funding direct services.

Carole provided a presentation on the program. She presented new information about the unduplicated number of youth that have been served by a mentor (18), and presented her observations of the role of the coordinator, whose 6 hours a week would be funded by the grant, and how that time is utilized. She also included a report on the source and value of in kind generated by the program through volunteer mobilization. There were questions addressed about the turnover of the volunteer coordinator; how to get more volunteers involved; why program is limited to K-6th grades; and possibly looking at our local data in the Healthy Youth Survey to validate expanding the mentoring age group to mentor older youth. After the presentation, the program was put to vote for funding.

Karen moved to approve the funding proposal; Shelby seconded. Carole requested and it was agreed that there be a secret ballot vote, rather than a show of hands to ensure all voters are comfortable voting while staff at St. James Family Center was present. Beth abstained from voting due to fiduciary interests in the program. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Public Relations/Planning Committee – Tammy reported that the committee discussed and set 2010 tentative dates for: Bottle Tagging (May 11th -15th and June 7th – 11th to target prom and graduation) and Wahkiakum High School and Naselle High School Underage Drinking Prevention Pledge Drive. They felt that there should be training for those high school students volunteering on the pledge drive at each school. The committee also set tentative dates for Community Norms phone survey and having a Healthy Youth Summit. There was discussion about having a Brag Night next spring; Bald Eagle Days – Mechanical Bull event; and a fundraiser at Wahkiakum County Fair in August. There was a suggestion of having a Network retreat for the board and their families.

Membership/Allocations – Karen and Beth reported that this committee reviewed and discussed the Wahkiakum Community Network’s proposed volunteer board member application. Suggestions were made for the form and further discussion is needed about doing background checks on board member including what should be included in any background check and the sole purpose of safety for others on the board.

Public Relations Coordinator

Tammy reported exit interviews were held for Abby Burns (Kari Schillios was unavailable) – attending were Lia, Tammy and Kassy. Additionally, Sara joined the meeting to revise the Youth Leadership Initiative. Tammy presented a request to the board to revise the Youth Leadership Initiative. Now that we are at the conclusion of the first year of the initiative, Tammy recommends editing the initiative to clarify how the scholarship funds will be allotted to graduating seniors – the Network will continue to require 9 out of 11 board meeting attendance during their senior year, and require an overall accumulation of 58 hours of volunteering to qualify for the scholarship. Any funds available for scholarships will be equally distributed to qualified seniors. *Carole moved to approve the motions; Shelby seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

Announcements

Due to the number of board members who have obligations on Wednesday, December 2nd, it was agreed to change December’s Networking Café to Thursday, December 3rd.

Upcoming Events, Trainings, Opportunities

Network Meetings: Executive Committee at 5:00 PM; Regular Board Meeting or Network Café at 6:00 PM

December 3, 2009	Networking Cafe	January 6, 2010	Regular Board Meeting
February 3, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	March 3, 2010	Networking Café
April 7, 2010	Regular Board Meeting	May 5, 2010	Regular Board Meeting
June 2, 2010	Networking Café	July – no board meeting – summer break	

Note: Announcements Correction – the original announcement at the board meeting called for a meeting change to Tuesday, December 1st. Due to recording error, mailed announcements were sent out for December 3rd. The meeting date was changed to Thursday, December 3rd from 6 – 8:00 PM for the Networking Café.